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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT OVERSEAS POSTS

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- 1. COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY OF THE NEW CHANCERY BUILDING IS ANTICIPATED IN MED-NOVEMBER. AT THAT TIME, A MORE MEANINGFUL AND IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THE POST WILL BE MADE.
- 2. MEANWHILE, PHYSICAL SECURITY SAFEGUARDS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITY WERE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND IMPLEMENTED DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHANCERY, AND CONTINUED TO BE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW BY SECURITY PERSONNEL AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS AT THS POST. FOR EXAMPLE THE MARINE GUARD WHO WILL BE STANTIONED BEHIND A BULLET-PROOF ENCLOSU RE

IN THEEMBASSY LOBBY, WILL HAVE CONSTANT AND DIRECT CONTROL OVER THE STAIRWAY AND ELEVATOR. BY DEPRESSING AN ELECTRONIC SWITCH, HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACTIVATE THE GRILLS OVER THE STAIRWAY AND TWO PASSAGEWAYS OFF THE LOBY AND ALSO CAUSE THE ELEVATOR TO BECOME INOPERABLE, THUS SEALING OFF THE LOBBY AND CONFINING ALL HOSTILE ACTIVITY TO THE LOBBY AREA. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ALARMS TO ALERT PERSONNEL TO HOSTILE ACTIVITY WITHIN THE EMBASSY AND CCTV CAMERAS FOR MONITORING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY MARINE GUARDS OF ACTIVITY OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY BUILDING

WITHIN THE COMPOUND AREA.

CYPHER LOCKS.

3. CONSULATE SECTION CONSISTS OF TWO OFFICES (AMERICAN CONSUL AND FSLE) AND SMALL WAITING ROOM. PUBLIC ACCESS TO CONSULATE IS VIA OUTSIDE SEPARATE ENTRANCE PROTECTED BY EMERGENCY ROLL DOWN GRILL OPERATED BY FSLE. FSLE LOCATED IN SECURED OFFICE WITH BANK TELLER TYPE BULLET-PROOF WINDOW THROUGH WHICH DAILY BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND THROUGH WHICH FSLE CAN OBSERVE ACTIVITY IN WAITING ROOM. (ESTIMATE OF BULLET-PROOF GLASS WIL BE SUBJECT OF LATER COMMUNICATION.) ACCESS TO CONSUL'S OFFICE WILL BE VIA FSLE'S OFFICE EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRONICALL Y OPERATED DOOOR. ACCESS FROM CONSULATE SECTION TO OTHER AREA OF CHANCERY IS BARRED BY LOCKED DOOR EQUIPPED WITH

4. PUBLIC ACCESS TO COMMERCIAL LIBRARY, LOCATED IN NEW CHANCERY, WILL BE CONTROLLED BY RECPTIONIST AND MSG IN LOBBY.

5.USAID MISSION, WHICH WILL BE COMPLETELY PHASED OUT BY MID-1976, WILL BE MOVED FROM THEIR PRESENT LOCATION INTO THE NEW CHANCERY BUILDING.

6. THE PUBLIC FUNCTION OF THE USIS CASA THOMAS JEFFERSON CENTER DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO THE TYPE O PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES INSTITUTED AT THE EMBASSY. THEERE ARE TWO ARMED GUARDS ROUND THE CLOCK AT THE CENTER. THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION HERE IS THA FURTHER PHYSICAL SECURITY SAFEGUARDS WOULD NOT ONLY DETRACT FROM ITS PRIMARY MISSION BUT WOULD ALSO CREATE AN UNFAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE AT THE CENTER.

7. ONCE THE NEW CHANCERY IS OCCOPIED, A MORE DETAILED STUDY OF THE PHYSICAL SECURITY POSTURE OF THE POST WILL BE MADE AND A FULL REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AT THAT TIME. JOHNSON

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